

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The specification is objected to for an informality on paragraph 15, lines 6-8.

The specification has been amended to clarify these features. The wording of "switches a line from an output of the audio compression unit, carries out termination processing on a fax signal and outputs the fax signal completing the termination processing" in paragraph 15, lines 6-9, has been changed to the wording, "carries out termination processing on a fax signals and controls a switch to output not an output of said audio compression but said fax signal completing said termination processing."

In order to clarify the understanding, applicants point out that the term, "a line" in paragraph 15, line 6 does not mean a transmission line for connecting a communication apparatus and a network element, but means a signal line for connecting a switch to the compression unit and the fax termination/switching control unit.

No new matter is entered.

Claim 4 is also objected to for a minor informality which has been corrected herein

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. Claim 1 has been amended similarly as the specification in order to clarify the switching from.

The amended the wording, "switches from an output of said audio compression unit, carries out termination processing on a fax signal and outputs said fax signal completing said termination processing when said fax signal is detected" to the wording, "carries out termination processing on a fax signal and controls a switch to output not an output of said audio compression but said fax signal completing said termination processing when said fax signal is detected", clarifies that the network element 6 does not carry out the "switches from" action, but

the fax termination switching control unit provided in a communication apparatus controls the switch corresponding to a switch 144 in fig. 10 to output not an output of the audio compression but the fax signal completing the termination processing.

Accordingly, when the fax signal is detected, the fax signal completing the termination processing is outputted to network element 6 through the switch.

Also, by the above amendment, it is clarified that the fax termination/switching control unit controls the switch to output the fax signal completing the termination processing.


For at least the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

The rejected claim 6 has been cancelled and a new claim 10 added which corresponds to the amended claim 1. For at least the foregoing reasons with regard to claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 should not be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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